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SUBJECT: ECLA: 17TH SESSION: MAY 3 PROCEEDINGS

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1. COUNTRY DELEGATION SPEECHES AT TUESDAY SESSIONS, OTHER THAN
THE CUBAN (REFTEL, GENERALLY APPROVED ECLA ACTIVITIES AND
TENDE TO STRESS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION.
AT MORNING SESSIONS ANCOM JUNTA COORDINATOR BARANDIARAN EXPRESSED
CONTINUED FAITH ON ANCOM IN SPITE OF ITS RECENT TRAVAILS.
ARGENTINA'S JASMINOY EMPHASIZED NEED TO REDEFINE FOREIGN AID
CRITERIA FOR MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES AND TO MAKE US GSP SYSTEM
MORE FLEXIBLE. MEXICO'S HERNANDEZ SUPPORTED CEGAN STATEMENT
(DOC 1025), HORIZONTAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING AREAS,
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AND NEED FOR PERMANENT DIALOGUE WITH US TO REMOVE DIFFERENCES.
PANAMA'S BARLETTA OUTLINED SCHEME FOR A LATIN AMERICAN BANK
FOR EXPORT FINANCING TO MARSHALL BANK RESOURCES IN PANAMA
AS A CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL COOPERATION.

2. OBSERVERS' SPEECHES PLUMPED FOR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL
OR AGENCY INTERESTS. OAS REP, ZELAYA CORONADA, IN SHORT

SPEECH AFFIRMED OAS WILL COOPERATE WITH ECLA, SAYING "ALL ROADS LEAD TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS". JOAQUIN GONZALES (IDB) CAUTIONED AGAINST OVERSTATEMENT OF LA DEBT SITUATION (WHICH HE FEELS IS NOT GENERALLY GRAVE) ON GROUNDS IT CAN UNDERMINE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE SOME COUNTRIES COMMAND. SPEECHES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SPAIN, HUNGARY AND ROMANIA EMPHASIZED HOPES FOR CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND OFFERED COOPERATION TO THE COUNTRIES' DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM OBSERVER SANCHEZ ADVOCATED GREATER ATTENTION IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TO ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS IN ORDER TO ASSURE BEST USE OF PHYSICAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES.

3. THE UK DEL., SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE EC PRESIDENCE, REITERATED PREVIOUS WEEK'S STATEMENT OF CONCERN ABOUT LATIN AMERICA'S MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE EC'S POLICIES ON LATIN AMERICA AND DISAGREEMENT WITH THE PESSIMISTIC TONE OF THE CEGAN REPORT. HE STATED EC INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE IMPROVING GSP AND AID AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS AND DEFENDED LOME DISCRIMINATION AS REFLECTION OF HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS. HE EXPRESSED EC COMMITMENT TO NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, INCLUDING MENTION OF RECENT DECISION BY COMMUNITY ON COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS.

4. SPEAKING FOR UK, HE WELCOMED INCREASING RECOGNITION OF CARIBBEAN INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS IN ECLA ACTIVITIES. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OPTIMISTIC FORECAST OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPECTS MADE BY PANAMANIAN DEL WAS CORRECT. HE DETAILED PROGRESS SO FAR IN NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE SAID WAS SIGNIFICANT, AND BELIEVED IT ALREADY PROVIDES BASIS FOR GREATER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN LDC'S.

5. THE NETHERLANDS DEL REITERATED PREVIOUS WEEK'S STATEMENT, TAKING ISSUE WITH CEGAN REPORT FINDING THAT POLITICAL WILL TO ACHIEVE IDS OBJECTIVES IS ABSENT IN DC'S, AND GAVE EXAMPLES OF NETHERLANDS' EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF LDC'S. HE ALSO CALLED FOR GREATER LINKS BETWEEN ECLA AND THE DUTCH WEST INDIES SO THAT THE DUTCH WEST INDIES COULD BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHER ECLA COUNTRIES AS IT APPROACHES INDEPENDENCE.

6. THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC APPEALED TO UNITY AND INTRA-LDC COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE IDS GOALS AND IDENTIFIED INTERNATIONAL AREA AS WEAK LINK IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. DELICITED DECLINING DC COMMITMENTS TO ODA AND DETERIORATING LDC DEBT SITUATION AS EXAMPLES. DEL EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE STARTED IN GENEVA AND WAS PARTICULARLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS CONSULTING WITH LATINS ON

US SUGAR POLICY. HE CALLED FOR MORE ATTENTION TO ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS, AND SAID DEVELOPMENT WAS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN.

7. INTERVIEW BY EEC REPRESENTATIVE RENNER WAS DIRECTED TOWARD SOOTHING LATIN AMERICAN RESENTMENT OF THE EEC'S PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AFRICA AND OTHER AREAS. HE OBSERVED THAT 40 PERCENT OF LDC EXPORTS TO THE EEC ARE TARIFF-EXEMPT UNDER THE EEC'S GSP, THAT THE EEC QUOTAS ON TEXTILES HAD BEEN INCREASED. MOREOVER, TARIFF REDUCTIONS WERE DIMINISHING THE IMPORTANCE OF PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS. IN AN EFFORT TO TURN THE TABLES ON LA ARGUMENTS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, HE NOTED THAT THE LARGER AND THE MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE GETTING MOST OF THE BENEFITS FROM GSP. HE IMPLIED THAT DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT WAS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERESTS OF BOTH THE MORE DEVELOPED AND THE LESS DEVELOPED LDC'S.

8. BELIZE DEL CARL ROGERS REPEATED CEGAN CHARGES THAT THE DC'S FAILURE TO SUPPORT REFORMS IN THE TRADE, AID AND MONETARY SYSTEMS WERE PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LA ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ANOTHER PRINCIPAL THEME OF THIS ADDRESS WAS S&T. HE URGED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIGENOUS CENTERS OF RESEARCH WHICH COULD MORE EASILY ACCOMMODATE THEIR PROGRAMS TO THE USE OF LOCAL RESOURCES. BELIZE, HE SAID, WAS NOW PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AND WAS SOON TO HOST TWO CCDC MEETINGS. AFTER ALLEGING THAT BELIZE'S DEVELOPMENT WAS CONSTRAINED BY ITS STATUS (I.E., AS A DEPENDENCY), HE QUOTED AMBASSADOR YOUNG ON THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE ROLLBACK OF COLONIALISM.

9. USSR OBSERVER MADE SEVERAL REFERENCES IN AN APPROVING VEIN TO NIEO AND SELA. HE CONTRASTED THE RECENT ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF A LA SOCIALIST DEVELOPING COUNTRY, CUBA, WITH THOSE OF LA COUNTRIES DEPENDENT ON "POWER CENTERS". HE WELCOMED THE ECLA PROJECT FOR STUDYING LA/SOCIALIST COUNTRY ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET MARKET WAS VERY HOSPITABLE TO LDC EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES.

10. THE ACAST OBSERVER TALKED AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT MEETINGS AND STUDIES ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SPONSORED BY HIS ORGANIZATION.
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